

## POLITICS OF SOUTH SIDE

A Lively Canvass in Amelia County.

### THE ALTERNATING PLAN

The Annual Tournament of the Blackstone Gun Club Has an Attractive Prize List, With Many Entries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BLACKSTONE, VA., August 22.—Reports reaching here from Amelia county are to the effect that politics are more lively in that county, as regards the contest for the Legislature, than for some time, and that a large vote will be polled on the day of the primary, which will be the 25th of September.

The occasion for this is the desire to give a good vote to Amelia's candidate for the nomination, Mr. J. W. Fowkes, in opposition to the candidate from Nottingham, Mr. H. E. Lee. These two counties forming one legislative district.

Previous to this, there has been only one contest for many years, not since the district was redeemed from Republican control, and that was six years ago when Colonel James Mann, of this county, and General, now Judge Hundley, of Amelia, were the contestants. At that time the former, General Hundley, having served the previous term in the House.

### ALTERNATING PLAN.

Usually the plan has been to alternate between the two counties, and it was thought this would be followed at the election, especially since Amelia had had the honor, for the past two terms without opposition, but instead, there is to be a fight for it. In the past fourteen years Nottingham has had the delegate six years, and Amelia, eight, two of which was by a Populist, Hon. G. T. Vaughan, who defeated Hon. R. G. Southall from the same county.

In population and registered voters Nottingham has several hundred more than Amelia, but has never attempted to use this advantage to claim more than an equal division.

The indications are that the first annual tournament of the Blackstone Gun Club which will take place next Wednesday, will be a very successful affair. There will probably be forty or fifty entries, as the prize list is large and there are many of good value.

All the merchants here have been very liberal in making donations, there being in all, upwards of forty prizes.

There are some good shots among the local shooters, and the visitors will have to look well to their laurels, or else the majority of the prizes will remain at home.

### SCHOOL BOARDS.

The school boards of the different districts met this week, and appointed teachers for the next session. There were some changes from those of last session, a new principal being appointed for the graded school here.

The school board here will open on the 8th of September, while the others in the district will not open until the 23rd of September. The probabilities are that only a seven months session will be taught.

Rev. Dr. B. H. Spillman, field secretary of the Sunday-school and Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold a Sunday-school institute here on the 15th of September. All denominations are invited to attend.

The Baptist school here is small, but it is a wide-awake, enthusiastic body, and they are sure to make a success of this meeting.

The entertainment given here on Tuesday night for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church proved a grand success, the sum of \$102 being realized from it.

The programme had been arranged with great care, and consisted of Mr. Geo. H. Hines, of the University of Virginia, in character costumes, and a merchants' carnival, in which young ladies represented the different lines of business in the town.

Their costumes were also specially arranged, and the drill was received with great applause from the large audience. After the entertainment refreshments

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were sold, from which a nice sum was realized.

**BLOCK OF NEW BUILDINGS.** Every visitor who comes to Blackstone now is at once struck with the appearance of the handsome new block of buildings which have taken the place of those burned in the big February fire. While all are not yet quite completed, they are nearly so, only the finishing up of the inside of some yet remaining to be done.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, who for many years has been a prominent merchant of this place, but who left a few weeks ago for Zion City, Ill., for the purpose of locating there, his returned here. After spending some time looking around, he decided that this place suited him best. Since returning he has purchased the stock of goods of Mr. G. L. Bradshaw, and will resume business here.

The Rev. Mr. Book, of the Christian Church, of Martinsville, delivered a sermon in the Baptist Church here on Monday night to a large congregation. He was on his way home from holding a protracted service at Perseverance Church, in Lunenburg county.

The large farm, on the Amelia road, about eight miles from town, owned by Mrs. J. B. Eames, of Petersburg, and known as the Grove and Hardaway tracts, has been sold to Mr. J. M. Abernathy for \$5,500. This is considered one of the finest farms in this section, and has been upon the market for some time.

Three days ago, Sam Fitzgerald, a colored man, residing a few miles west of town, had his left thumb blown off by the explosion of his gun. He was brought here, where the necessary surgical attention was given.

### New Kent News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW KENT, C. H., VA., Aug. 22.—Rev. Henry P. Jones, assisted by Rev. William M. Hudson, of Scottsville, conducted a series of protracted meetings at Cornhill Baptist Church last week. There were all-day services every day except Thursday, when there was night service.

Mrs. J. B. Valden, from town, spoken by Miss Uldine Valden and Master Roy Valden, after having spent a most delightful time at Old Point, Ocean View and Virginia Beach, returned home.

Misses Alice Whiting Taylor and Annie Roy Taylor are being charmingly entertained at "Rosedale," the home of their cousin, Miss Myra Uldine Valden.

Miss Irene Harris has returned home after a charming stay in Richmond with relatives. Mr. J. W. Fowkes, of Richmond, who spent last Sunday here, is now at "The Interment," Covington, Va.

Mrs. J. N. Harris, who has been a resident here for many years, is making preparations to move her family to Richmond this fall.

Dr. Faustiller, one of the most widely known and prominent physicians in this section, has just finished his unusually large shipment of watermelons to Baltimore.

Mr. Addie Chandler, daughter of Mr. C. Chandler, is very ill of typhoid fever in Newmarket. Mr. Chandler has as his guests Misses Hunter and Cordie Bax.

Miss Ellen Barnes, of "Boulevard," spent several days of last week with Miss Uldine Valden and her cousins, Misses Taylor.

## FARMERS DISAGREE

Much Difference of Opinion as to Yield of Corn.

### DOG EMBALMED & BURIED

Dr. Michael Minor Treats His Canines as if They Were Human Beings. Grows More Destructive than Ever Before.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
COMOHN, VA., August 22.—The corn crop has just now reached the stage that indicates the yield at maturity, i. e., the stage which enables the experienced and observant farmer to estimate with no small degree of accuracy, whether the yield will be above or below the general average, and, strange enough, seemingly, there is a great diversity of opinion among the tillers of the soil as to the prospects for the crop. Some farmers declare that the crop is excellent and in every way satisfactory, and promises a full yield, while others, who are equally as competent judges, state emphatically that it is unsatisfactory, and will fall considerably below an average yield.

Some contend that the long continued heavy rains and unusually cool weather throughout the spring and summer have been very unfavorable and detrimental to both the early and the late corn, while others argue that "corn needs lots of rain," and that the copious showers ever since planting time last spring have fully compensated for the phenomically cool weather, so that, after all, the crop will be a full one.

A careful investigation shows that the latter contention is erroneous, when applied to the crop as a whole—i. e., of the entire county, and also shows how such a diversity of opinion among experienced farmers is possible.

### DIVERSITY OF SOIL.

In some sections of the county the soil is of a sandy, light nature, and without much natural vegetable matter. Where this is the case, the corn has stood the excessive rains and cool weather remarkably well, and the yield will reach an average—probably exceed the general average in a few instances. In other parts of the county the soil is sandy, light and destitute of all natural vegetable matter. Where this condition prevails, the crop is very light, and the yield will be fifty per cent. below an average.

The growth of stalk is fully up to the average on this character of soil, but the ears are small and indifferent, and there are a great many entirely barren stalks in every light sandy field. In the low, meadow lands the growth of stalk and fodder is very heavy—enormous, indeed, but owing to the long, continued rains, the ground has become so soft and "mushy" that the corn has been knocked down by wind, and a great deal of it is lying in mud and water, so that the yield must be very small—practically no yield of grain at all.

The area of light, sandy land, where the crop is very light, added to the low lands, where it is damaged, is larger than the area of stiff clay land on which the crop is heavy and promising. It is quite plain, therefore, that the yield of corn in the whole county will be light and below the general average, and it is sad to think that in good average of what is true of King George in this regard is true of the adjacent counties.

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Dr. Michael Minor, of this place, has had a pair of handsome collies for several years, and prized them so highly that they have been treated and cared for like human beings. Some time ago a wagon ran over and broke the back of one of them—the prettiest one of the pair, which happened to be the popular Doctor's favorite. The wound was such in nature that the dog would not respond to medical treatment, and before long a stroke of paralysis made it necessary to kill the dog in order to end its sufferings. The Doctor administered chloroform, and when life was extinct the dead dog was laid far away to his neighborhood of the county to be embalmed and interred just as human remains are embalmed and buried.

This is the first time that a dead dog has been treated with such distinction and honor in this county.

Farmers and truckers in various parts of this county state that crows are more destructive to corn, melons and vegetables just now than ever before. In some neighborhoods watermelon patches, gardens and corn-fields have been so damaged by these destructive birds that they have to be closely watched each day.

### PERSONAL.

Judge John E. Mason, of this place, has gone to Alleghany county to hold Circuit Court for Judge Litcher, who is in Europe.

Rev. W. T. Davis, pastor of the King George Methodist Church, spent this week in Westmoreland, where he went to bid farewell to his daughter, Miss Mary Holmes Davis, who leaves to-day for Mexico, where she will teach a mission school.

Miss Blanch Posey has returned to her home in Washington after spending two weeks with relatives here.

Mrs. Emma J. Murray, of the national capital city, spent this week here.

Miss Josie Essex, of Baltimore, is a guest of friends at Doglie, this county.

Mr. James Pearson has returned to Washington, after spending a few days at his parental home in this county.

Mr. J. Y. Porter, of Key West, Fla., is spending some days at the home of Mrs. M. Mountjoy, in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Paul Bradley, of Norfolk county, is on a visit to relatives in this county.

Mr. Charles Keefe and wife, of Baltimore, are visitors at the home of Mr. John N. Peed, in the lower part of King George.

Miss Jessie Pearson, of Kansas City, Mo., is also a guest of Mr. Peed and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warfield have returned to their home in Washington, after spending two weeks with the lady's parents here.

Attorney Benjamin Minor, of Washington, arrived here several days ago from Charlottesville, where he has visited his wife, who is on a visit to her mother.

Mr. Richard Ellis, one of the oldest citizens of King George, whose illness has been mentioned in this correspondence, is now unconscious, and his death is hourly expected.

arrived in Scottsville a few days since from Keewick.  
Mrs. Anderson, of Lynchburg, is a guest at Mrs. P. J. Morris, of Warren, who has been a guest of Mrs. Frank Parkinson, has returned home.  
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Annie Farrar spent the day at Central Plains Tuesday and returned home this morning.  
Messrs. J. D. Patterson and Henry Lewis of Howardsville, were in Scottsville on the 18th.  
Mr. W. M. Wade, of Richmond, spent a few days with his family here this week.  
Dr. B. L. Dillard and wife, of North Chester, were in "Chester" Saturday.  
Miss Georgia Gentry, of Hardware, was in town Monday.  
Mrs. J. D. Dillard, of Norfolk, stopped here this week on his way to the Rocky Mountains, for his annual hunt.  
Mr. J. D. Matthews, of Warren, is critically ill at his daughter's home, in Lynchburg, having had a relapse from an attack of pneumonia.  
Messrs. G. W. Gilmmer, of Howardsville, and John Hart, of Chester, were in town Monday at the meeting of the school board.  
Mr. J. Tyler Beal visited his home here a few days ago.

### CHARLES CITY NEWS

Democratic Primary Will Be Held on August 27th.

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CHARLES CITY, C. H., VA., Aug. 22.—Politics are occupying the attention of the citizens of this historic community at present. The Democratic primary will be held at Charles City Courthouse on August 27th. Hon. D. G. Tyler has announced himself as the Democratic candidate for the office of Commonwealth's attorney.

Mrs. E. Epps and Pearce, of City Point, who have been engaged in cutting and rafting logs in this county for the past two months, will finish up their contract this week.

Mrs. Mary Ball Saunders, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Saunders, of Upper Shirley, leaves on Friday for Petersburg, where she will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Saunders and Masters W. B. and Carleton Saunders.

Miss Annie Coleman, of Richmond, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waddell, Jr.

Mrs. Wm. C. Wilcox, of South Third Street, Richmond, is the guest of the family of Mr. T. V. Wilcox.

Miss Octavia Nelson, of Selma, Ala., is the guest of the family of Mr. Charles Carter.

### People at Crewe.

CREWE, VA., Aug. 22.—Miss Lettie Moore is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Wayat Royall, of Martinsville, Va.

Mrs. Julia Covington, widow of Engineer Covington, who was killed in the railroad wreck near Petersburg, some months ago, is visiting friends here. Miss Juliette is with her mother.

Mr. J. Harlan and family are spending some time at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Norman Ransom, late of Feldon, but now of Norfolk, visited friends here Friday.

Mrs. Samuel Witt is visiting Mrs. C. B. Lane.

### SULTAN OF SULU

IS A REAL SPORT

He Likes to Race His Ponies

Against Those of American Officers.

After three years of service as a surgeon of the United States army in the Philippines, Dr. E. R. Tenney, of Kansas City, Kan., has returned to his home in this city.

The Sultan of Sulu, as described by Dr. Tenney, is hardly the sort of potentate pictured in comic opera. He is a very ordinary individual, who lives in a very ordinary way and does about as all the rest of the Sulus do.

Dr. Tenney said, "The Sultan of Sulu assumes control over all the Moros," Dr. Tenney said, "but in reality he has no control over any but those who choose to follow him. He is a good natured, but somewhat craft and cunning. The greatest man in the Sultan's domain is Haji Butu, the Prime Minister."

His chief regret is to bring down his ponies to race against the army officers' ponies with such side attractions as spear dances, accompanied by songs, turned and native drums. These are the musical instruments of the Sulus, for the Sulus are not a musical people like the Filipinos.

The Sultan sometimes wears European clothes, and while he entertains his guests very nicely after his own fashion, he seldom gives a feast. The dainties, however, sometimes prepared for his guests of sugars, fried bananas, rice cakes, heavy fried in coconut oil, with native chocolate as a beverage. The Sulus are Mohammedans, and they have no intoxicating beverages. They blacken the teeth and the place of tobacco, and an important part of a Sulu's outfit is a betel nut box, borne by a slave. The women are permitted to wear the betel nut after they are married, and they marry at from fourteen to eighteen years of age.

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A Hindu physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in the stomach and bowels, and the breath, mouth and throat. I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty cents, although in some drug stores, and in preparation, yet I believe get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

# SUMMER RHEUMATISM

Every season has its own diseases, but Rheumatism belongs to all, for when it gets well entrenched in the system, and joints and muscles are saturated with the poison, the aches and pains are coming and going all the time, and it becomes an all-the-year-round disease; an attack coming as quickly from sudden chilling of the body when overheated, a fit of indigestion or exposure to the damp, Easterly winds of Summer as from the keen, cutting winds, freezing atmosphere and bitter cold of Winter.

Rheumatism never comes by accident. It is in the blood and system before a pain is felt. Some inherit a strong predisposition or tendency; it is born in them; but whether heredity is back of it or it comes from imprudent and careless ways of living, it is the same always and at all seasons. The real cause of Rheumatism is a polluted, sour and acid condition of the blood, and as it flows through the body deposits a gritty, irritating substance or sediment in the muscles, joints and nerves, and it is these that produce the terrible pains, inflammation and swelling and the misery and torture of Rheumatism. No other disease causes such pain, such wide-spread suffering. It deforms and cripples its thousands, leaving them helpless invalids and nervous wrecks.

When neglected or improperly treated, Rheumatism becomes chronic, the pains are wandering or shifting from one place to another, sometimes sharp and cutting, again dull and aggravating. The muscles of the neck, shoulders and back, the joints of the knees, ankles and wrists, are most often the seat of pain. Countless liniments and plasters are applied to get relief, but such things do not reach the poisoned blood; their effect is only temporary; they are neither curative nor preventive. The blood must be purified, and all irritating matter removed from the circulation before permanent relief and a thorough cure is effected, and no remedy does this so certainly and so quickly as S. S. S. It contains not only purifying and tonic properties, but solvent qualities as well, all these being necessary in eradicating the blood of all irritating matter and the acid particles are dissolved and filtered out of the system, thus relieving the muscles and joints and removing all danger of future attacks. Under its tonic effect the nervous system regains its normal tone and the appetite and digestion improve, resulting in the upbuilding of the general health. S. S. S. contains no Potash or minerals of any description, but is guaranteed purely vegetable. Old people will find it not only the best blood purifier, but a most invigorating tonic—just such a remedy as they need to enrich the blood and quicken the circulation.

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I came to America, and engaged in my profession. Shortly after my arrival I became in love with a fair daughter of the Old Dominion, and we were married. In a few months the war between the States came on, and I cast my lot with that of my adopted State, for weal or woe, for better or for worse, and during the struggle my wife died. After the war I again took up my profession, and years after married again, marrying a woman much younger than myself; at this time I was traveling for a music house, and decided to go into business for myself, and going to a small town, nestled back in the mountains of Virginia, I opened a music store, having as clerk a young and rather attractive girl, aged between seventeen and eighteen years. Soon after she came to work for me, and although my wife was there, this girl would put herself in my way at every possible opportunity and did everything in her power to captivate me, and at last she succeeded. My wife left for a visit to her home, and the same night this girl and myself packed our trunks and left town together, she being as ready to go as I was. We went to a nearby town and went to keeping house as man and wife. In a few days I was arrested and brought back, and that is why you see me in this place to-day.

I saw this man tried and convicted, and then saw him taken to Richmond to serve out his sentence in the State prison, and as he told me good-bye, he said: "I care for nothing now, I am ruined, friends for my eye, and for five years I studied,

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